are planned to be covered on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) by July, 2002. Remaining villages which cannot be covered by any terrestrial technologies are planned to be covered by Digital Statellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) by December, 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.

(c) Tender for DSPTs is under evaluation and likely to be finalized shortly and procurement will be carried out subject to availability of funds.

Statement

District-wise Villages Public Telephones in Uttaranchal State as on 31-03-2002.

District	VPTs as on 31-03-2003
Dehradun	679
Almora	1282
Bageshwar	450
Champawat	485
Pithoragarh	1172
Hardwar	483
Nainital	931
Udham Singh Nagar	672
Pauri	1414
Rudraprayag	221
Chamoli	539
Tehri	1274
Uttarkashi	401
TOTAL:	10003

Waiting list for telephone connection in Madurai and Dindigul

5286. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the waiting list for telephone connections in Madurai, Dindigul, Theni District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) Whether any new modern telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened during the current years initially in Madurai city;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Telephone is available practically on demand in all telephone exchages of Madurai, Dindigul and Theni Districts as on 31.3.2002, except technically non-feasible cases. The waiting list in these districts is 929,2715 and 232 respectively as on 31.3.2002.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Three Remote Subscriber Units (RSUs) of capacity 1000, 2000, and 3000 lines are planned during 2002-2003 in Madurai Local telephone system. In addition it has been planned to cover Madurai city by Cellular Mobile Telephone system and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system during the current year.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Transfer of executive engineer

†5287. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the Executive engineer (Civil) was transferred in June, 2001 from MTNL Delhi to Postal Wing but he did not join and after that he was transferred to Bhopal and then to Hyderabad and yet he did not join and after that the said engineer joined the duty only when he was transferred to BSNL Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that said Engineer has been paid enhanced rate of leave salary and medical reimbursement amounting to Rs. 3,000 by the Principal Chief Engineer (Civil) in contravention of rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.